

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U. S. Application No. 10/073,414

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-11, 14 and 15 are allowed.

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner indicated that claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under § 112, second paragraph and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant amends claims 12 and 13 and adds new claim 16, as suggested by the Examiner to correct the errors in claims 12 and 13 and place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 16 recites the features of claim 4, but depends from claim 11. Claim 12, as amended herein, corresponds to claim 5. Claim 13 recites the features of claim 6, but depends from claim 11.¹

In light of the amendments, Applicant submits that all of claims 1-16 are in form for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

¹ The Examiner erroneously indicated that claim 13 is a duplicate of claim 4. Actually, the features of claim 13 are recited in claim 6.

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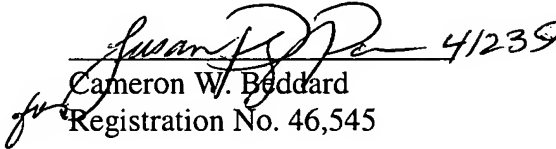
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